

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of the pending claims are provided below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus comprising:

resolution converting means for converting an image into a reduced image;

multiscreen synthesis means for composing one screen by arranging plural images in the one screen;

image quality adjustment value storage means for storing image quality adjustment values for plural kinds of image quality adjustment processes;

image quality adjustment process means for executing the image quality adjustment processes for plural images on the basis of the image quality adjustment values stored in said image quality adjustment value storage means; and

control means for converting an input image into a first image to which an image quality adjustment process is executed by said image quality adjustment process means on the basis of an image quality adjustment value which is determined in advance before performing an image quality adjustment operation stored in said image quality adjustment value storage means, and similarly for converting the input image into a second image to which an image quality adjustment process is executed by said image quality adjustment process means on the basis of an image quality adjustment value for newly performing an adjustment operation, and then for displaying the converted first and second images and a pre-conversion third image on one screen with an arranged state by said multiscreen synthesis means,

wherein the image quality adjustment value which is determined in advance is a value which is not updated in the adjustment operation,

wherein said resolution converting means converts an image to which a process by said image quality adjustment process means has been executed, and

wherein said image quality adjustment process means executes the process to the image to which the conversion by said resolution converting means is not yet executed.

2 - 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising image reduction means for reducing the input image,

wherein said multiscreen synthesis means composes the one screen by arranging the plural images reduced by said image reduction means.

16. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising trimming means for trimming a part of the input image,

wherein said multiscreen synthesis means composes the one screen by arranging the plural images trimmed by said trimming means.

17. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the image quality adjustment value which is determined in advance before performing the image quality adjustment operation is a value which was previously set at a time of manufacturing of said apparatus.

18. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the image quality adjustment value includes the image quality adjustment value of each of lightness, contrast, chromaticity, hue, RGB (red, green and blue) balance, color temperature, gamma characteristics, and sharpness.

19. (Previously Presented) An image processing method comprising:

- a resolution converting step for converting an image into a reduced image;
- a multiscreen synthesis step of composing one screen by arranging plural images in the one screen;
- an image quality adjustment value storage step of storing image quality adjustment values for plural kinds of image quality adjustment processes;
- an image quality adjustment process step of executing the image quality adjustment processes for plural images on the basis of the image quality adjustment values stored in said image quality adjustment value storage step; and
- a control step of converting an input image into a first image to which an image quality adjustment process is executed in said image quality adjustment process step on the basis of an image quality adjustment value which is determined in advance before performing an image quality adjustment operation stored in said image quality adjustment value storage step, and similarly of converting the input image into a second image to which an image quality adjustment process is executed in said image quality adjustment process step on the basis of an image quality adjustment value for newly performing an adjustment operation, and then of displaying the converted first and second images and a pre-conversion third image on one screen with an arranged state in said multiscreen synthesis step,

- wherein the image quality adjustment value which is determined in advance is a value which is not updated in the adjustment operation,
- wherein said resolution converting step converts an image to which a process by said image quality adjustment process step has been executed, and
- wherein said image quality adjustment process step executes the process to the image to which the conversion by said resolution converting step is not yet executed.

20. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for executing an image processing method, said method comprising:

a resolution converting step for converting an image into a reduced image;

a multiscreen synthesis step of composing one screen by arranging plural images in the one screen;

an image quality adjustment value storage step of storing image quality adjustment values for plural kinds of image quality adjustment processes;

an image quality adjustment process step of executing the image quality adjustment processes for plural images on the basis of the image quality adjustment values stored in said image quality adjustment value storage step; and

a control step of converting an input image into a first image to which an image quality adjustment process is executed in said image quality adjustment process step on the basis of an image quality adjustment value which is determined in advance before performing an image quality adjustment operation stored in said image quality adjustment value storage step, and similarly of converting the input image into a second image to which an image quality adjustment process is executed in said image quality adjustment process step on the basis of an image quality adjustment value for newly performing an adjustment operation, and then of displaying the converted first and second images and a pre-conversion third image on one screen with an arranged state in said multiscreen synthesis step,

wherein the image quality adjustment value which is determined in advance is a value which is not updated in the adjustment operation,

wherein said resolution converting step converts an image to which a process by said image quality adjustment process step has been executed, and

wherein said image quality adjustment process step executes the process to the image to which the conversion by said resolution converting step is not yet executed.